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SUBJ: REACTION TO US STATEMENT ON CONDITION AND FUTURE
OF THE UN

1. UNUSUAL INTEREST IN AMB SCALI'S STATEMENT IN "STRENGTHENING
OF ROLE OF UN" DEBATE IN GA PLENARY DEC 6 HAS BEEN SHOWN
BY UN DELEGATIONS AND SECRETARIAT STAFF AT ALL LEVELS.
IN FIRST HOUR AFTER DELIVERY OF STATEMENT, MORE THAN 30
DELEGATIONS REQUESTED FULL TEXT. BOTH US AND INTERNATIONAL
PRESS REPRESENTATIVES HAVE ALSO SHOWN UNPRECEDENTED DEGREE
OF INTEREST. IN SUM, STATEMENT HAS BEEN IMMEDIATELY RECOGNIZED
AS MAJOR US STATEMENT ON THE CONDITION AND FUTURE OF THE
UN ORGANIZATION.

2. PERHAPS MOST SIGNIFICANT REACTION WAS UNSCHEDULED
SUSPENSION OF AFTERNOON MEETING OF PLENARY ON INITIATIVE
OF ALGERIAN PERMREP RAHAL. AT ABOUT 5:30 PM (WITH DOZEN
DELEGATES WAITING TO SPEAK) RAHAL MOVED ADJOURNMENT ON GROUND
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THAT DEBATE HAD TAKEN SURPRISING TURN AND THAT "MAJORITY"

NEEDED TIME TO PREPARE THEIR RESPONSE TO UNEXPECTED CRITICISMS
BY THE "MINORITY". MOTION TO ADJOURN DEBATE (UNTIL NEXT WEEK)
CARRIED 73-0-22(US, PROMINENT WEO'S AND LA'S).

3. REACTION OF DELEGATES WAS EPITOMIZED BY COMMENT OF AMBASSADOR
BOATEN OF GHANA: "IT WAS A TOUGH SPEECH. IT WAS AS FRANK
AS IT COULD HAVE BEEN, WITHOUT BEING INSULTING." DELEGATIONS
SHARING SOME OR ALL OF OUR CONCERNS, INCLUDING ISRAEL,
UK, FRANCE, DENMARK, GERMANY, AND NORWAY MADE COMMENTS
RANGING FROM "MAGNIFICENT" TO "WELL DONE" TO "IMPORTANT
CONTRIBUTION" TO "FORTHRIGHT STATEMENT WHICH MUST HAVE REQUIRED
GUTS TO GIVE." THOSE DELEGATIONS LIKELY TO BE CRITICAL
OF OUR SPEECH HAVE NOT SOUGHT US OUT BUT SOME HAVE INDICATED
THAT RECURRENT THEME OF THEIR RESPONSE MAY BE THAT US (LIKE
SOME OF ITS FRIENDS) IS "CRYING" NOW THAT IT FINDS ITSELF
IN MINORITY.

4. AMB RAHAL SEEMED UPSET WHEN HE SPOKE TO SCALI IN GA
CORRIDOR JUST AFTER SCALI'S STATEMENT. RAHAL SAID HE HAD
BEEN "SURPRISED" AND WOULD HAVE TO REPLY TO SCALI'S "UNFAIR"
STATEMENT. SCALI REPLIED HE WAS SURPRISED BY RAHAL'S SURPRISE.

5. USYG BRADFORD MORSE (US NATIONAL) SAID SCALI'S SPEECH HAS
STARTED CRITICAL DEBATE ON FUTURE OF UNITED NATIONS, WHICH
OVERDUE. HE SAID SCALI'S REMARKS DIPLOMATICALLY CUSHIONED,
BUT HAVE JOLTED ASSEMBLY, AND PROMISE TO PRODUCE SEVERAL
DAYS OF NEW DEBATE. HE ADDED THAT WHILE SCALI'S REMARKS
RECONGNIZED AS SERIOUS AND CONSIDERED, REMARKS OF WEST GERMAN
REP WERE DEEPLY RESENTED BY THIRD WORLD FOR OFFENSIVE
TONE.

6. COMMENT: USUN IS REVIEWING THE RECORD TO BE PREPARED TO
MEET DEBATE NEXT WEEK AS REQUIRED. IT IS JUST POSSIBLE WE
MAY BE ABLE AVOID CONFRONTATION WITH THE ALGERIANS AND THEIR
FRIENDS ON FLOOR OF GA. WHETHER DIALOGUE TO BE ON FLOOR OR
IN CORRIDORS, WE WISH TO HAVE OUR ARGUMENTS MARSHALLED FOR
MAINTAINING AND FORWARDING THE BASIC VIEWS CONTAINED IN SCALI'S
STATEMENT. WE SHALL STAY CLOSELY IN TOUCH WITH LIKE-MINDED
DELEGATIONS. IT NOTEWORTHY THAT IN TRUNCATED DEBATE DEC 6,
POSITIONS MORE OR LESS SUPPORTIVE OF OURS WERE TAKEN BY
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SPEAKERS REPRESENTING COUNTRIES CONTRIBUTING WITH US WELL OVER
HALF OF UN ASSESSED BUDGET: MEMBERS EC-9 AND SWEDEN. BY
COINCIDENCE, ONLY SOME FOUR HOURS AFTER SCALI'S STATEMENT
SECOND COMMITTEE (ECONOMIC) PASSED MEXICAN-SPONSORED CHARTER
OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES BY OVERWHELMING MAJORITY (115-6-10)
WITH VIRTUALLY NONE OF THE MAJOR INDUSTRIALIZED STATES VOTING
YES.
SCALI

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